

Wednesday -
Aug. 8th

George, dearest,

To-night I write with a happy heart and you know the reason why. It's those Russians again, and it was swell news when I heard it over the air at 5:45 p.m. Between that new atom bomb and the Russians declaring war, everyone is confident that the Japanese war will be finished within a very short time. Now I expect to hear that announcement we've been praying and waiting for since V-Day. So many things are looking up it's an early reunion for us and I'm getting more optimistic than ever. So hold on, darling, soon we'll be together.

Last night I wrote to all the Stoffs and I'm sure Bob must feel somewhat happy today after hearing about the Russians. It may mean quite a bit to him and his charmed life may continue ^{he'll} not see overseas duty. Mom and Pop must be also in better spirits, I'm sure, and I guess a few other millions felt the change in the war situation. What a difference a day makes, 24 little hours!

Had a pleasant day, after breakfast Jim and I went to town to do some marketing. The postman brought me an assortment of mail which included your air mail dated July 28th, July 9th a free letter with a Roman newspaper and part of the "65th Halberst" dated July 27th, and travel pictures of Berezhnograd (July 24th). As always I enjoyed every word in both letters and will take care of those requests for stamps and fond stuffs. Pop told me

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about Jack neither being in the State but I must have neglected to write you about it. Surprised you had mail from your cousin Joe who promised not to write to anyone but his father. I read a letter he wrote to Harry and in it he thanks me for the package I sent him many months ago and mentioned he'll never forget your advice. Also had a letter from Shirley who's well and back kids are fine. Ron is in Hawaii having a good time what with golf and swimming and is his own boss (in the army?) Best regards from Shirley. Bob sent me a postal card with some trees on it (trees he doesn't see) and he's on a barren chunk of land.

Care your mind about entries in the black book, darling! Until June 1st, every entry was made and when I return home I'll record the books and insurance paid. It will be a great relief when you take over again. And about Paul Institute, if you'd care to finish up the course, I wouldn't mind a bit. It may mean a wonderful future and more time with your family eventually. After these 20 months, we'll be prepared for anything.

All is well, weather is cool and fine and Jim and I still find the kittens very amusing. While on the way to the spring, Jim and I met Carroll Kestell, his daughter and his father. His wife, Rita had another baby girl recently and he's spending his vacation with his folks here in Monticello. His best regards to you. He looks the same, just a bit heavier and am I glad I'm your wife and so much in love with you.

To-night I did some ironing and mending, listened to all the radio commentators and feel my spirits mounting. Now I do miss thee and love thee! Oh, dearest, summer here without you is torture that patient I'll be.

All my love and devotion to you and hugs and kisses from me

Baby. Regards from Mom and Bless.

Sincerely,
Dad

Thursday,
Aug. 9th 1945

Dearest Beloved,

With so much excitement in the air, many rumors floating about and terrific news from the White House and impending news from Tokyo, I'm all aflutter. You're probably jumping for joy right now. But all I'm really waiting for is one special announcement re-
garding that meal 35. It'll come in due time and I have a nickel bet that the war with Japan will end this week-end. Gosh, darling, the days aren't going fast enough.

To make my heart even happier, the Postman just delivered me with such a swell collection of letters. Your letters, dated July 25th, Aug. 1st, Aug. 2nd, plus mail dated July 20th and July 23rd containing stamps, acct of money, and also Finark's letter dated June 26th. Also received that post card from Ting and 2 picture cards from Jimmie with those animals beautifully sketched. Jimmie is thrilled with Buddy's cards from Europe. Your letter to Eleanor also arrived and I'll give it to her when she comes to-night. Honestly, darling, your letters continue to be masterpieces and the two latest ones I'll make sure to re-read to-night again before retiring. In your Aug. 1st letter you felt quite "deflated and subdued" as a result of one of my letters and gosh, darling, for the love of me I cannot recall what I wrote and have already forgotten what transpired yesterday. Now well I know you can take it and I should start taking lessons from you. And about that butcher, forget him, it's all in a day's marketing. I'll be careful, my love and remember you're my only sweetheart and fond lover and I, your faithful wife.

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Mom and Pop sent me a letter too saying they were fine and
had a pleasant trip home. They also had 2 letters from
you this week. Eleanor just came in and read your most
interesting and humorous letter. So you've got a
ring in your happy ears, how very elegant your book
must be. And I'm not a bit jealous over your civilian bed.
Eleanor looks fine and always has lots of new incidents
to relate ^{to us} going to and from Monticello. No packages this week
for us at home but Eleanor has our magazines put aside.

Weather is ideal, sunny during the day and cool
in the evening. All is fine with us and today I went
to the Post Office, took care of these stamps and will mail
them to-morrow — 25 each Roosevelt issue and 25 Dms. fine.
Also bought a sheet of Roosevelts and Dms. fine for my collection.
Made up another package for you that contains 1 lb. of coffee,
1/2 lb. cocoa, 1 dz. tea balls, soup mixture and choc. pudding. Chocolate
bars are scarce here. Expect to mail parcel to-morrow and will
try to send a package to Frank soon (11 lbs. allowed @ 14 lb.).
Frank's letter was very enjoyable and heart warming.

We all had a good dinner of chuck roast with vegetables
and Mom baked a huckleberry pie, which we liked. Jim ate
nicely and had a nap to-day. Romeo and Juliet are growing up
and follow us about like our shadows. Enclosed are some snaps
of Jimmie before his haircut and I expect more in a few days.
Thanks for your new pictures near Berchtesgaden. They're
good shots and have beautiful backgrounds.

Good night, dearest, and pleasant dreams. I love you
with all my heart — all these eight years — and am eternally
happy over time is mutual. Staywell and our happy days will
commence again soon. Love and kisses from Jim, that wishes from
all my family and all my love and devotion to the best guy ever.
Sincerely,
Florence

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